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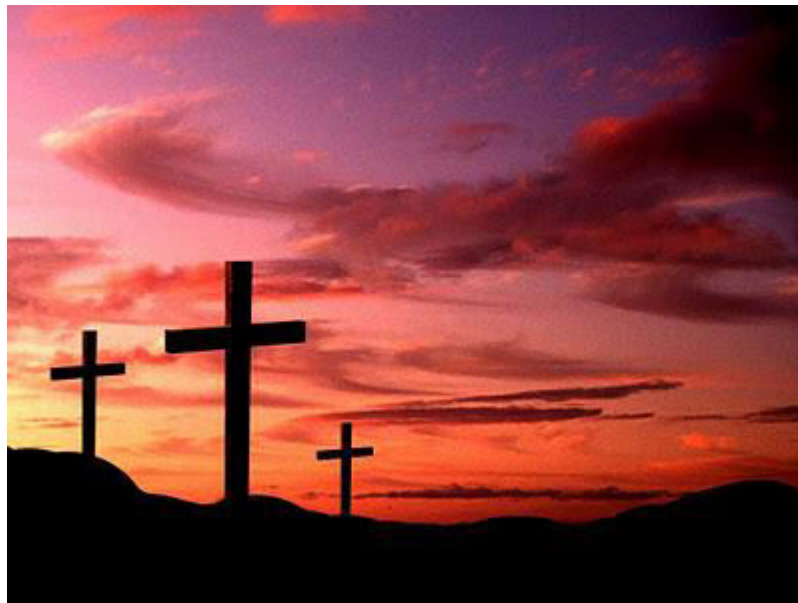
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Magazine Welcome Page

Welcome to the First Edition of By Grace through faith Ministry of Christian Living and of Spiritual Growth Ministry Mag.

I hope that you as the reader of this Ministry Publication, that you will enjoy what By Grace through faith Ministry of Christian Living and of spiritual Growth, has to offer you through this publication.

I hope you will find this magazine to be of interest to you, as it covers what it covers in this edition of our first publication and our continued publications.

May God bless you, and I hope you like this magazine, and what this magazine is about.

Ministry Host and Founder
of By Grace through faith Ministry of Christian Living and of Spiritual Growth.

Sean W. Begle

About the Ministry

By: Sean W. Begle

By Grace through faith Ministry of Christian Living and of Spiritual Growth, it has been launched, and it is continuing to be launched.

Many things as possible are being done to advance the ministry, and to expand it, and to reach a wider people, by doing whatever it takes to make this possible.

The Ministry that we have By Grace through faith Ministry of Christian Living and of Spiritual Growth, as the Author and creator of this work, I have done other things to help make this wider then it already is.

By Grace through faith Ministry of Christian Living and of Spiritual Growth has new things it has already done.

The Ministry it has a website, the ministry has a facebook page, the Ministry has a group called Ministry Group on facebook, and also the Ministry is in the process of putting together a store, as well as the Ministry has a broadcast on www.spreaker.com and also has this publication, and will continue to have publications not only this Magazine which is the Ministry Magazine.

The Ministry Group on facebook has 3 members, on spreaker I have 38 followers, and we have had several downloads from the broadcast.

We have also launched, and are continuing to Launch Ministry News.

On our Broadcast for our Ministry these are the the things listed that are we have on our broadcast on Spreaker, along with the dates.

Being a Servant for the Kingdom of God

October 24, 2013

Called to Serve Teaching Redo

October 26, 2013

Understanding the Voice of God

November 11, 2013

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November 11, 2013

Ministry News 02

November 13, 2013

Also by Grace through faith Ministry of Christian Living and of Spiritual Growth has a channel on youtube bygracethroughfaith1 and also at times on www.sermonnet.com

Our website for by Grace through faith Ministry of Christian Living and of Spiritual Growth is as follows
<https://sites.google.com/site/bygracethroughfaithonlinecom/>

You can email me at beglesean@yahoo.com and I am going to eventually set up an email for the Ministry as well

I am on google+ and there are links and other information on there as well

We are doing and continuing to do what we can to reach as many people as we can.

We are all about being who God would have us to be,
and doing what God would have us to do.
We are all about Being servants of the Kingdom of God,
and being servants for the Kingdom of God.

Doing what God has called us to do, and being what
God has called us to be.

What does it mean to follow after God?

In following after God, what it means to follow after him,
is to do what God would have you to do, and to be what he would have you to be.
To live for God, and to live according to his will, according
to what he would have you to do, and according to what he would have
you to be.

Not doing what you want to do, or being what you want to be,
but doing what he would have you to do, and be what he would have you
to be.

Walking in his will, walking in his way, being all about him,
and all about what he wants you to be about.

Not conforming yourself to the will of man, not to the will of the world,
or what this and that person wants from you, but what he wants from
you.

Walking the walk, talking the talk and living the life.
Being a true disciple for him, and for others.

No other Gospel

There are many religions out there, who claim to have the gospel,
who claim to have the true message of the word of God.

But there is only one gospel and the bible it says

Because they consider the things 4 books in the New Teatament
as the synoptic gospels, those are not the only gospel books,
the whole New Testament, is the full Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Everybody that claims to have the gospel is wrong because they do not.

Because some people in these religions they change the gospel,

and they try and come up with their own.

But that is the man- made Gospel,

not the Jesus Christ Made- Gospel

We are only saved by one of them, and that is the
gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Power of the tongue

The tongue is a very dangerous thing.
And if we do not watch our tongue, our tongue will get us in trouble.

You have to learn how to control your tongue,
control what you say, how you say it and when you say it.

There is Power in the tongue, and if you do not watch out,
you will speak something concerning yourself, that you should not speak,
or speak something concerning somebody else, that you should not speak,

You have to be careful, because words they have power,
Words they can have good power or bad power.

And once you say it sometimes you cannot take what you say back,
because it has already done the damage,

Controlling our tongue is not easy, because sometimes
when it comes to the tongue, instead of us controlling
our tongue, we allow the tongue to control us.

And then we say this, and we say that, and then we realize I
should have not said that, I should have not said what it said.

But in dealing with the Power of the tongue, I want to use as my source
of information, for this study is your tongue out of Control?

And in dealing with Is your tongue out of Control, I will be coming from
this research article as it has been titled.

and this is by Dr. Dale A Robbins

It has been said that the “tongue” is one of the most exercised muscles of our body. It has been estimated that in a typical week, the average person will speak enough words to fill a 500 page book! However, for the Christian, the use of the tongue must be a matter of careful forethought and discipline. The Bible warns that believers who do not bring restraint to their tongue and speech have been deceived — and without such control over their words, their religious acts are worthless and hypocritical. “If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless” (James 1:26). It is a deception for any of us to think that Jesus can be Lord over our life, without also becoming Lord over our tongue.

The reference to a “bridle” in the previous verse is the leather harness and bit placed in a horse’s mouth to control it. In the same manner, Christians must allow the Holy Spirit to bridle their tongue, and bring restraint to their words. David used a similar device as a metaphor to describe his tight control on his mouth to avoid sinning with his tongue, especially when the ungodly were around, where it’s easy to develop a critical tongue, or pick up their bad tongue habits, such as profanity. “I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, While the wicked are before me” (Psalms

39:1).

Hypocrisy of the Tongue

Elsewhere, James gave a warning of the evil poison of the tongue. He described some who try to use their tongue as praise and blessing to God, then turn around to use their tongue to speak evil of one another. "With it we bless our God and Father, and with it rue curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so" (James 3:9-10). We cannot use our tongue to curse and bad-mouth our brethren, then continue "business as usual" with our relationship with God. The Bible says that such tongue behavior is characteristic of hypocrites. "The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor..." (Prov. 11:9).

Along this same vein, the psalmist warned that the wicked who use their mouth for evil and who speak against their brethren, violate the sacredness of God's covenant and forfeit their right to use that same mouth as a vessel of God's Holy Word and promise. Paraphrased, the passage says, "What right do you have to use your mouth to declare my word and promises? You have used your mouth for evil and deceitfulness, to bad-mouth and slander your brethren" (Psa. 50:16-22).

Mouth sins are not Trivial

Unfortunately, mouth sins have somehow been domesticated and entertained by the modern church. Gossip, backbiting, and slander have become viewed as "naughty" little habits that aren't really so serious. However, when Paul wrote to the church at Rome he sternly contended that gossips, slanderers, and bad-mouthers were in the same league as murderers, sexual perverts, and haters of God. Furthermore, he said such sins are worthy of a death sentence (Rom. 1:28-32).

Some believers have experienced problems and misfortune, or fail to get answers to their prayers, because of their mouth sins. Using their tongue to ridicule, gossip about, or to slander their brothers and sisters is clearly sin — and as we know, unrepentant sin cuts off the flow of God's answers to their prayers. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear" (Psa 66:18). Those who have mouth problems are destined to experience much trouble in their life and will not find it easy to obtain God's help with their problems. Satan takes advantage of those whose mouths are undisciplined and that are used wickedly. "Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles" (Prov. 21:23).

The Bible teaches that they who desire to dwell in the presence of God, to experience His blessings, are those who will live righteously and who will not backbite or badmouth their neighbor. "LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle a Who may dwell in Your holy hill? He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend" (Psa. 15:1-3). Furthermore, God promises a long, blessed life to those who keep their tongue from evil. "Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit" (Psa. 34:12-13).

Accountable for all our Words

Jesus warned that our words are so important that they will actually determine our condemnation or justification. He said we will be held responsible for all our words, even our careless, idle words. "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matt. 12:36-37).

Elsewhere, Paul cautioned believers to disallow any corrupt or worthless talk to come from our mouth. Only those things which lift-up, encourage, and are gracious should be expressed to others. "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Eph. 4:29).

Obscenities, profanity, cursing, dirty jokes, or making fun of others is not something that should ever be found in the mouth of a believer. "Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving" (Eph. 5:4 NIV).

Confess and forsake Sin

Thank God there is a remedy for mouth sins. His grace and forgiveness is available for all manner of sin,

whatever it may be. Jesus will forgive all sins that we confess to Him (1 John 1:9) — but we must also “forsake” them. “He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy” (Prov. 28:13).

The scriptures tell us to “repent” of sin (Rev. 3:19), that is to “turn away” from sinful behavior. True repentance means that we will make every effort not to repeat our former sins and will seek to walk in the nature of Christ. Since mouth sins really originate in the heart (Matt. 12:34), repentance requires a change of attitude within. Such was David’s desire in his repentant prayer. “Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me” (Psa. 51:9-10).

If you realize that your tongue is out of control, seek His forgiveness and allow Him to change the attitude of your heart and your mouth, so they will be pleasing to Him. “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer” (Psa. 19:14).

In continuing with this study I know want to ask and answer the question through my research as we continue and the question I want to ask and answer is Why does the tongue get us in trouble?

Proverbs 18 The Power of the Tongue

How is it that our tongues can
get us into so much trouble?

Examples are when we are asked simple Questions

How do I look in this dress? Do these jeans make me fat?

Do you really want an honest answer?

Guys I hope you know that you will never win however you answer

If you do have the perfect wise answer we

guys will share these in the back later

Ladies, you aren’t exempt from this either

Your husband just finished a project and asks you what you think?

Now, just to let you in on a secret to make your husband happy

Say it looks great, you are a wonderful handyman, what a man!

But you want to be honest so you say, well, “you could have put that a little higher”

The tongue can get you into

all sorts of trouble

The book of Proverbs gives you wisdom on how to use your tongue

I. Be a good neighbor Vs. 1

An unfriendly man is someone without friends

Alone in the world, isolated by choice

He says things like, “friends, who needs them!”

“It is better to be alone th

an be disappointed by people”

And no doubt it is safer

There is no one to disappoint you but you

There was this neighbor when I was a child, although the neighbor part was

questionable. He kept to himself, he ha

d a few run ins with neighbors on each side

of him. He had a 6’ fence on the property line saying, “keep your kids out of my

yard!" As kids, we knew to stay out of his yard or he would come running out of his house yelling at us. One of the big fears in my childhood was if a ball landed in his yard. How were we going to get it? He passed away while I was in college I think. The funny thing about it was that his son inherited the house and was just like him if not worse.

It just doesn't make any sense
These people pursue selfish ends;
they do their own thing
Their very nature is selfish;
they think they don't need anyone
And so they live in a bubble of
a world unwilling to feel for people
It defies all sound judgement;
they could be good neighbors
People like this could be
part of the community
Lean over the fence and talk with neighbors
Help out every once in a while
just for the sake of being kind
But they don't make any sense
Are you a good neighbor?
Are you on talking terms with those who live around you?
I have to admit there are some that
just want to be left alone
For whatever reason they don't want to know you
But God made us to be social
beings, so give it a try
Venture out and talk to your
neighbor, show some kindness
And see where it goes
You are the only Jesus they may ever meet

II. Be Understanding Vs. 2

A man named Kidner said, "closed mind, open mouth"
The idea that someone else may have something worthy to say
That would be totally ludicrous
This kind of person can not wait till
the other person is done talking
In fact, they often interrupt the other person
to get their word in
And they weren't listening to
the other person in the 1st
place
At the core of this thinking is pride

What I have to say is so important that you must hear it
But it really is an opinion, what he/she thinks at that moment
It may not be based on fact; it may be a passing thought
But it has to be said right now
Dominating the conversation is the goal
“A fool finds no pleasure in understanding”
Understanding means to be intelligent, to have aptitude
Part of Understanding is listening and asking intelligent questions
And taking an honest interest in the other person I have had the privilege of getting to know some interesting people over the years.
Some only have a high school diploma but they are a wealth of information. I have been going to Montana for 3 years with my Dad and we stay with a rancher that has lived there all his life. I ask him so many questions about how to plant things, why do the cattle do certain things, and I must make him exhausted with questions but I learn so much. I could say, he doesn't know anything, but he is a wealth of information.
You don't learn anything when you are talking
Do you have an attitude that you want to learn?
That deep within you, you want to learn more and more
And that means you have to listen and ask Questions
Remember that wisdom is a lifelong pursuit
And you don't ever want to get to the point where you say
I have it, don't need any more wisdom
Be smart enough to say, I can learn from this person
There is more foolish talk in Vss 6,7
Because a fool doesn't think about what he says
Things come out that actually get him in trouble
Usually just in being a child or teenager when you say certain things
and you get a bad response, that person in wisdom says
You know, I shouldn't say that again
Remember being a teenager and saying stupid things?
We were in lunch and there was a teacher that was saying don't waste food, I think she was a hippie that became a teacher. So
I made the comment about some orange,
“why don't you put a stamp on it and send it to India?” That didn't go over well. I think I said to myself, I really shouldn't say that to teachers
I was gaining wisdom at that point in life

The problem with the fool is that
he never learns and suffers for it
Young people, and those who are older,
learn from your mistakes!

III. Be a Bubbling Brook Vs. 4

Have you ever been in a boat on a
lake and peered over the edge?
You looked into the water, even
if it is very clear water?
What do you see? Nothing, it is
deep and profound, nothing is clear
You learned nothing from that gaze
and so that is what it is like for
some people to explain themselves
Some people who try to explain what
they are thinking can't do it
They try to explain their deepest thoughts,
but it just doesn't come
Or people try to explain things
and they get tongue-tied
It's almost like they are speaking cryptically,
in some kind of code
Do you know people like that?

In trying to say something profound they lost the audience
Have you had a professor like that? You know they are really intelligent,
but they can't explain things. You get totally confused. I had a professor that was brilliant.
He knew about 28 languages but he couldn't explain Hebrew in a way that I could
understand it. I was totally lost in the class.

Wisdom on the other hand
is like a bubbling brook
It is clear, crisp, understandable, inexhaustible
How is it that the wise can say a few words and everything makes
sense? That the wise can say things
in a way that is refreshing to all
Because wisdom can take a lot of information and make it clear

IV. Don't be a Gossip Vs. 8

Why is it that words of gossip are so precious?
You may be having a conversation
with someone totally different
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Why is it that words of gossip are so precious?
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Then you hear something about somebody that you know

And you stop and have to hear this tidbit
It usually starts, well, did you know? I heard that,
Usually, it is 2
and
or 3
rd
hand and it almost always is damaging info
These words are like choice bits of food
Like an appetizer where you can't eat just one
Or your favorite dessert that tastes so good, have to have more!
Usually, we don't think about digesting our food
Unless it gives indigestion with stomach pain
But once the words of gossip are eaten, they go to the deepest parts
It's like we relish the words, digest every part
We think about what the person did, we play it over and over
And then we can't wait to tell someone else
And maybe embellish it just a bit to make it more tasty
There is only one way to stop gossip; that is with you
Don't listen to it, don't be interested in it, don't pass it on
We are not to tear others down with words, we are to build them up
How do you know if the info is true or false?
How would you like it if someone were passing false info about you?
Only you can prevent forest fires, Gossip

The tongue is a powerful thing
Use your words carefully
Don't fall into the trap of passing out bad information
But rather be like that bubbling brook that refreshes people with wisdom

Trials, Tribulations and test How to Hold on

In life we go through trials, in life we go through tribulations, and in life, we go through test.

And in going through what we go through, it seems so difficult to come out. It seems like we cannot make it, we cannot take it, and we cannot overcome it.

But what you have to understand is that trials, tribulations, and test what they do is they come to make us strong.

When trials come, when tribulations come, when test come we have to hold on and be strong.

When we go through what we go through, we question God, and we want to know why, and we seek an answers from God concerning our situation, concerning what we are dealing with, what we are struggling with, we want to give up on God, we want to come out of what we are in, but we are in it for a reason.

And if God brings you out of it, he will bring you out of it.

But there may still be other things you still might have to face. That you still might have to deal with, that you still might have to struggle with, but if God does not make a way for you, maybe you are just meant to go through it, and meant to deal with it, unless your day comes, or unless your time comes that God decides to bring you out.

So whatever you go through as long as you are going through it, in the Lord, and with the Lord he will give you the strength to get through it.

Because there are many things in my life, I have been through, I have had to deal with, I have had to struggle with, and my life has not been the perfect life.

You have to stop thinking that you just cannot handle it, you have to stop saying I cannot handle it.

If God is on your side, and if he is helping you go through, you can go through.

No matter what the situation seems like, no matter what the situation sounds like.

No matter what this person says, that person does, this person says, that person says, you have to hold on and be strong.

Job (Jobe) went through something in his life, and when he went through it,
he struggled in going through what he went through, because of his situation.
But even when Job (Jobe)
Even when he did even in the worst of his situation, he still held on and he still stayed strong.

Job (Jobe) he lost everything that he had. His wife tried to get him to curse God,
He was spoken against as if he had done something wrong,
the reason he went through what he went through.

But he still went through he still endured, even in the difficulties of his time.

In the bible there are a lot of people who went through things,
and had to endure things.

They went through trials, they went through tribulations, and they went through
test.

Do not ever think you won't go through something, because even if you have
not in the past, you will go through in the future.

It will not be easy, it will be tough, it will be rough,
but you have to go through it to get through it,

no matter if it changes or not.

That is how you hold on in the midst of what you are going through,
or have to go through.

Serving God while serving others

As Christians we are called to serve God, while serving others.

We are called to help each other, and to help our brothers,
and to help our sisters, and do what we can do for one another.

We are called to be of service to others, and of service for others.

Here are 91 bible verses about helping others

[Leviticus 13:16](#) ESV / 1,782 helpful votes

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

[Colossians 2:4](#) ESV / 1,227 helpful votes

Whether you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

[Matthew 6:38](#) ESV / 980 helpful votes

For what you sow, that you will also reap. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be given to you. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

[Luke 3:17](#) ESV / 865 helpful votes

For if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how can God's love abide in him?

[Matthew 25:35-40](#) ESV / 697 helpful votes

For as hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ...

[James 2:14-17](#) ESV / 582 helpful votes

For what good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

[James 6:2](#) ESV / 489 helpful votes

...and so fulfill the law of Christ.

[Matthew 23:12](#) ESV / 432 helpful votes

...my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

[Matthew 5:16](#) ESV / 414 helpful votes

...the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

[Proverbs 19:17](#) ESV / 412 helpful votes

...who is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

[Proverbs 22:9](#) ESV / 232 helpful votes

...who has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

[Matthew 5:42](#) ESV / 221 helpful votes

...to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

[Galatians 15:1](#) ESV / 176 helpful votes

...who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

[Matthew 5:13-16](#) ESV / 172 helpful votes

...You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

[John 15:13](#) ESV / 157 helpful votes

...who loves me has no one greater than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

[Matthew 10:8](#) ESV / 150 helpful votes

...Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give freely.

[Galatians 6:10](#) ESV / 145 helpful votes

...Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are part of the household of faith. For we are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be used? It is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. Likewise, if you let your light go dark, how can others see you? Therefore, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

[1 Timothy 12:13](#) ESV / 144 helpful votes

...to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

[Proverbs 3:27](#) ESV / 138 helpful votes

...withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

[Colossians 9:12](#) ESV / 136 helpful votes

...ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in thanksgivings to God.

[Matthew 10:27](#) ESV / 135 helpful votes

...answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

[Matthew 10:21](#) ESV / 125 helpful votes

...us, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

[1 Timothy 4:28](#) ESV / 116 helpful votes

...thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

[2 Timothy 2:35](#) ESV / 110 helpful votes

...things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

[Acts 4:32-35](#) ESV / 105 helpful votes

...the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

[Matthew 23:10-11](#) ESV / 94 helpful votes

...crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

[1 Timothy 14:13-15:13](#) ESV / 90 helpful votes

are let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that I am unclean in myself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. For if your brother is hurt by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ...

[1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#) ESV / 82 helpful votes

that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

[Matthew 25:44-45](#) ESV / 77 helpful votes

They also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

[Psalm 41:1-3](#) ESV / 70 helpful votes

Choirmaster. A Psalm of David. Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you will not give him up to the will of his enemies. The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you will strengthen him to full health.

[1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#) ESV / 68 helpful votes

Make in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ...

[Colossians 3:12](#) ESV / 64 helpful votes

Anyone who does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

[Matthew 7:1-29](#) ESV / 62 helpful votes

Do not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. ...

[Matthew 25:31-46](#) ESV / 61 helpful votes

the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ...

[Matthew 2:13](#) ESV / 57 helpful votes

Judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

[John 3:16](#) ESV / 55 helpful votes

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

[Proverbs 15:1](#) ESV / 49 helpful votes

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

[Colossians 3:17-19](#) ESV / 48 helpful votes

Since you are rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the abundance of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

[Acts 4:34-37](#) ESV / 48 helpful votes

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

[Matthew 6:24](#) ESV / 48 helpful votes

You cannot serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

[Philippians 4:19](#) ESV / 43 helpful votes

My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

[Romans 2:10](#) ESV / 41 helpful votes

are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, should walk in them.

[1 34:17](#) ESV / 39 helpful votes

ne righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

[sis 1:1](#) ESV / 39 helpful votes

beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

[us 4:12](#) ESV / 37 helpful votes

erefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."

[1 23:1-6](#) ESV / 36 helpful votes

n of David. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. s me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you n me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence nemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ...

[s 2:1-26](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

thers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a earing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing mes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in lace," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my l brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the n, which he has promised to those who love him? ...

[sians 4:29](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the n, that it may give grace to those who hear.

[10:25-37](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

hold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal e said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall e Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all ind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, u will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ...

[new 7:21](#) ESV / 34 helpful votes

everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

[John 4:19-21](#) ESV / 32 helpful votes

... because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this is the love that we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

[Romans 12:10](#) ESV / 32 helpful votes

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

[Matthew 20:26](#) ESV / 32 helpful votes

... not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

[Colossians 3:16-17](#) ESV / 30 helpful votes

... that the word of Christ may be plentiful in you, that you may be able to give an account of the grace that has been given to you in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

[Acts 20:35-38](#) ESV / 30 helpful votes

... things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had said, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

[Psalm 119:1-176](#) ESV / 30 helpful votes

... are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep your testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! ...

[John 1:1-51](#) ESV / 29 helpful votes

... beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that has been made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ...

[Romans 8:1-39](#) ESV / 28 helpful votes

... is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of

set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, that we might walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ...

[Matthew 11:1-6](#) ESV / 28 helpful votes

For the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits on the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ...

[Exodus 17:12](#) ESV / 27 helpful votes

When Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

[Romans 12:3](#) ESV / 26 helpful votes

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is God's will for you, based on his good, pleasing and perfect will. Do not be filled with rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

[Matthew 19:1-30](#) ESV / 25 helpful votes

When Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea and the Jordan. And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. And Pharisees came up and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ...

[Mark 3:1-26](#) ESV / 24 helpful votes

Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began to ask them to receive alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ...

[John 3:17-18](#) ESV / 23 helpful votes

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be

through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

[Romans 6:9](#) ESV / 21 helpful votes

Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

[Matthew 25:1-46](#) ESV / 21 helpful votes

The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ...

[Isaiah 1:1-31](#) ESV / 21 helpful votes

Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken: "Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand." Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal falsely! They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly provoked. Why will you still be struck down? Why will you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, the whole heart faint. ...

[Proverbs 1:1-33](#) ESV / 21 helpful votes

The words of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction, to understand the words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give understanding to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— Let the wise hear and increase in wisdom, and the one who understands obtain guidance, ...

[Ruth 1:1-22](#) ESV / 21 helpful votes

It was in the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ...

[Acts 11:27-30](#) ESV / 20 helpful votes

At these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus

p and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

[Revelation 3:20-22](#) ESV / 18 helpful votes

"I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

[Romans 12:1](#) ESV / 17 helpful votes

I beseech you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

[John 2:9](#) ESV / 15 helpful votes

When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom

[Isaiah 2:1-10](#) ESV / 15 helpful votes

He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are obstinate and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has come among them. ...

[Jeremiah 31:6](#) ESV / 15 helpful votes

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

[Psalm 91:1](#) ESV / 14 helpful votes

Who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

[Matthew 23:4-10](#) ESV / 14 helpful votes

"I make a small room on the roof with walls and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a bath so that whenever he comes to us, he can go in there."

[1 Thimothy 3:10-13](#) ESV / 13 helpful votes

temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you will be able to endure it.

[1 Corinthians 5:21](#) ESV / 12 helpful votes

Children, keep yourselves from idols.

[1 Corinthians 12:3-5](#) ESV / 12 helpful votes

By the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has given. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

[Matthew 5:41](#) ESV / 11 helpful votes

If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

[1 Samuel 16:7](#) ESV / 11 helpful votes

The Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

[1 Corinthians 8:5-10](#) ESV / 10 helpful votes

Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. One who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ...

[John 3:14-15](#) ESV / 9 helpful votes

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

[Matthew 13:15-16](#) ESV / 8 helpful votes

The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

[Matthew 23:1-53](#) ESV / 8 helpful votes

ng David was old and advanced in years. And although they covered him with clothes, he could warm. Therefore his servants said to him, "Let a young woman be sought for my lord the king, her wait on the king and be in his service. Let her lie in your arms, that my lord the king may be So they sought for a beautiful young woman throughout all the territory of Israel, and found y the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. The young woman was very beautiful, and she service to the king and attended to him, but the king knew her not. Now Adonijah the son of exalted himself, saying, "I will be king." And he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, y men to run before him. ...

ins 12:11 ESV / 7 helpful votes

be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

2:1-3 ESV / 5 helpful votes

third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also ited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ave no wine."

4:2-8 ESV / 4 helpful votes

was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A vent out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ed it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang ce it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it d away. ...

m 1:7 ESV / 4 helpful votes

d is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.

HelpfulNot Helpful

12:11 ESV / 3 helpful votes

en they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious ow you should defend yourself or what you should say,

Imago Dei ("image of God")

("image of God"): A theological term, applied uniquely to humans, which denotes the symbolical relation between God and humanity. The term has its roots in Genesis 1:27, wherein "God created man in his own image. . ." This scriptural passage does not mean that God is in human form, but rather, that humans are in the image of God in their moral, spiritual, and intellectual nature. Thus, humans mirror God's divinity in their ability to actualize the unique qualities with which they have been endowed, and which make them different than all other creatures: rational structure (see [logos](#)), complete centeredness, creative freedom, a possibility for self-actualization, and the ability for self-transcendence.

Imago Dei - Longer definition: The term imago Dei refers most fundamentally to two things: first, God's own self-actualization through humankind; and second, God's care for humankind. To say that humans are in the image of God is to recognize the special qualities of human nature which allow God to be made manifest in humans. In other words, for humans to have the conscious recognition of their being in the image of God means that they are the creature through whom God's plans and purposes can be made known and actualized; humans, in this way, can be seen as co-creators with God. The moral implications of the doctrine of imago Dei are apparent in the fact that if humans are to love God, then humans must love other humans, as each is an expression of God. The human's likeness to God can also be understood by contrasting it with that which does not image God, i.e., beings who, as far as we know, are without self-consciousness and the capacity for spiritual/ moral reflection and growth. Humans differ from all other creatures because of their rational structure - their capacity for deliberation and free decision-making. This freedom gives the human a centeredness and completeness which allows the possibility for self-actualization and participation in a [sacred](#) reality. However, the freedom which makes the human in God's image is the same freedom which manifests itself in estrangement from God, as the myth of the Fall (Adam and Eve) exemplifies. According to this myth, humans can, in their freedom, choose to deny or repress their spiritual and moral likeness to God. The ability and desire to love one's self and others, and therefore, God, can become neglected and even opposed. Striving to bring about the imago Dei in one's life can be seen as the quest for wholeness, or one's "essential" self, as pointed to in Christ's life and teachings.